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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is based on information received by the War Food Administration from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during June 1943. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

| Class of Livestock | Unit | June 1942 | May 1943 | June 1943 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <u>Average live weight of animals</u> | | | | |
| Cattle | Pounds | 959.67 | 986.62 | 972.13 |
| Steers 1/ | " | 1,010.30 | 1,012.76 | 1,017.27 |
| Calves | " | 203.30 | 165.26 | 176.50 |
| Hogs | " | 251.46 | 256.38 | 260.42 |
| Sheep and lambs | " | 83.93 | 92.05 | 88.50 |
| <u>Average yield</u> | | | | |
| Cattle | Percent | 55.93 | 56.39 | 56.72 |
| Calves | " | 56.49 | 56.87 | 57.24 |
| Hogs | " | 75.44 | 74.07 | 76.00 |
| Sheep and lambs | " | 47.59 | 46.99 | 46.97 |
| <u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u> | | | | |
| Cattle | Dollars | 11.40 | 13.74 | 13.56 |
| Steers 1/ | " | 12.56 | 14.80 | 14.82 |
| Calves | " | 12.42 | 14.25 | 14.14 |
| Hogs | " | 14.05 | 14.30 | 13.61 |
| Sheep and lambs | " | 12.59 | 13.80 | 12.53 |

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

June 1943 and 1942

| Class of Livestock | Total slaughtered | | Carcasses condemned | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------|
| | during June | | during June | |
| | 1943 | 1942 | 1943 | 1942 |
| Cattle | 707,905 | 1,039,128 | 3,638 | 4,444 |
| Calves | 326,523 | 475,099 | 737 | 1,030 |
| Hogs | 5,649,942 | 4,553,937 | 12,321 | 10,955 |
| Sheep | 1,593,675 | 1,481,443 | 7,702 | 6,768 |

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.
See next page for slaughter records

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SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

| Sources of supply | Unit | June 1942 | May 1943 | June 1943 |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <u>Cattle</u> | | | | |
| Stockyards | Percent | 75.59 | 79.72 | 74.49 |
| Other | " | 24.41 | 20.28 | 25.51 |
| <u>Calves</u> | | | | |
| Stockyards | " | 59.69 | 59.42 | 55.52 |
| Other | " | 40.31 | 40.58 | 44.48 |
| <u>Hogs</u> | | | | |
| Stockyards | " | 44.38 | 47.43 | 48.69 |
| Other | " | 55.62 | 52.57 | 51.31 |
| <u>Sheep and lambs</u> | | | | |
| Stockyards | " | 61.83 | 62.51 | 60.62 |
| Other | " | 38.17 | 37.49 | 39.38 |

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

| | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| <u>Cattle</u> | | | | |
| Steers | Percent | 57.32 | 59.25 | 56.37 |
| Cows and heifers | " | 37.95 | 37.58 | 38.59 |
| Bulls and stags | " | 4.73 | 3.17 | 5.04 |
| <u>Hogs</u> | | | | |
| Sows | " | 53.07 | 47.89 | 50.89 |
| Barrows | " | 46.14 | 51.21 | 48.24 |
| Boars and stags | " | 0.79 | 0.90 | 0.87 |
| <u>Sheep and lambs</u> | | | | |
| Sheep | " | 10.46 | 8.44 | 15.17 |
| Lambs and yearlings | " | 89.54 | 91.56 | 84.83 |

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